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1. The Chemische Werke Buna, at Schkopau, fell short in production of carbide during July 1953 with the result that the rubber plant and the alcohol division were unable to operate part of the time. There were frequent power interruptions which caused stoppages of production. The transformers had to be shut off at times because of the sharp drops in the voltage.
2. In spite of these difficulties, 18,000 kilos of Nitropendan were produced and shipped off to the USSR during the month, and 25,000 kilos of phosphorus were manufactured. The production of ichlordinethylsulphite was about 10,000 kilos higher than of phosphorus. The production of potassium cyanide (Cyankali) runs currently about 8,000 kilos.
3. Workers in these departments made renewed protests because their milk allotment was reduced to one-fourth liter per day. By order of the Soviet administrator they are now allowed one-half liter per day.
4. The Gummiwerk Riesa fell about 40 percent under its production quota in the last quarter. Shortage of rubber was not the only reason; there was also a shortage of cord.

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